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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6606**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1116

**NOTE PREPARED:** Dec 21, 2005

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Rights of consumers of legal services.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Wolkins

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** No Fiscal Impact

**Summary of Legislation:** Prohibits an attorney from communicating with a claimant concerning a legal action involving wrongful death or personal injury: (1) for at least 45 days after the wrongful death or personal injury occurs; or (2) until the claimant contacts the attorney; whichever occurs first. Requires an attorney retained by a claimant on a contingent fee basis to bring an action concerning wrongful death, personal injury, or damage to or loss of property to provide the claimant with certain information: (1) before the action is brought; (2) while the action is pending; and (3) after the action is settled or adjudicated. Allows a claimant to request an objective review of a contingent fee by a state or local bar association or another attorney to determine if the fee is reasonable and fair.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2006.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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